



E. P. THOMPSON



ANNUAL REPORT

••→ OF THE ←••

TOWN • OF • GILMANTON

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1ST, 1888.

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

TOWN OFFICERS

—OF THE—

TOWN OF GILMANTON,

COMPRISING THOSE OF THE

Selectmen, Collector, Treasurer, Auditors,
Town Clerk and School Board,

—FOR THE—

Year Ending March 1, 1888.

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Valuations and Appropriations.

VALUATIONS.

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| Number of polls, 386, | \$ 38,600 00 |
| “ acres, 30,181, | 415,632 00 |
| “ horses, 319, | 18,786 00 |
| “ oxen, 192, | 10,320 00 |
| “ cows, 447, | 11,104 00 |
| “ other neat stock, 785, | 16,546 00 |
| “ sheep, 945, | 3,016 00 |
| “ hogs, 4, | 26 00 |
| “ carriages, 1, | 100 00 |
| Stock in banks and other corporations, | 4,000 00 |
| Money on hand, at interest or on deposit, | 9,822 00 |
| Stock in trade, | 9,030 00 |
| Mills, machinery, etc., | 6,054 00 |

APPROPRIATIONS.

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|------------------------------|----------|
| Current expenses, | 2,000 00 |
| Town debt, | 1,500 00 |
| For schools, | 1,001 00 |
| For breaking roads, | 2,000 00 |
| State tax, | 1,144 00 |
| County tax, | 1,625 74 |
| Repair of highways, | 600 00 |
| Decorating soldiers' graves, | 25 00 |
| Rate, \$18 50 on a thousand. | |

Collector's Report.

TO THE TAX-PAYERS OF THE TOWN OF GILMANTON, I herewith submit my report as Collector :

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| Whole amount of taxes committed to me for collection, | \$10,250 80 |
| “ collected and paid to treasurer, | 10,250 80 |
| I have received in abatements, | 18 16 |
| In above abatements there was overtax, | 7 40 |
| Actual abatements, | 10 76 |
| Collected interest to the amount of | 21 95 |

CHARLES H. GOODWIN, Collector.

Interest collected of the following named persons :

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----|------------------------|----|
| John P. Hussey, | 01 | Benj. Hall heirs, | 07 |
| Charles E. Merrill, | 01 | Lorrain M. Page, | 09 |
| Stephen H. Dearborn | 02 | Chas. S. Page, | 07 |
| Geo. W. Dow, 2d, | 01 | Elbridge M. Shannon, | 02 |
| Olive J. Green, | 01 | Benj. H. Dorman, | 10 |
| Nathan B. Sanborn, | 02 | Geo. F. Sanders heirs, | 01 |
| Mathias Weeks, | 06 | Bela C. Merrill est., | 01 |
| Wm. Haynes, | 02 | John W. Rollins, | 02 |
| Danford Cook, | 02 | Fred V. Pease, | 02 |
| Edwin N. Sanborn, | 05 | Richard H. Jones, | 18 |
| Edwin S. Nelson, | 02 | Harford M. Jones, | 08 |
| Charles Varney, | 02 | Albert A. Jones, | 09 |
| Luther B. Place, | 01 | Wm. Sidney, | 01 |
| Chas. F. Gilman, | 03 | Ed. F. Donnagan, | 01 |
| Albert F. Page, | 01 | Josephene Phillips, | 02 |
| Wm. N. Swain, | 01 | Thos. T. Collins, | 07 |
| Geo. W. Gault, | 04 | Sarah A. Shannon, | 05 |
| Geo. P. Barron, | 01 | Joseph R. Hill, | 07 |
| Ann W. Lougee, | 03 | Judeth Clough, | 06 |
| Smith C. Place, | 03 | John Lougee, | 07 |
| John M. Currier est., | 01 | Hannah Buswell, | 12 |
| Sarah A. Colton, | 06 | Joshua Colby, | 12 |
| Myrum S. Clough, | 06 | Chas. E. Thyng, | 03 |
| Artemus F. Rogers, | 07 | John F. Battis, | 01 |
| Brackett Twombly, | 01 | Alfred P. Hilliard, | 07 |
| Sam. K. Twombly, | 01 | A. M. Sanborn, | 02 |
| Asahel G. Flanders, | 02 | Augus. W. Smith, | 10 |
| Chas. A. Osborn, | 06 | Wm. C. Greenough, | 01 |
| True F. Osborn, | 04 | Geo. H. Greenough, | 07 |
| Chas. S. Bunker, | 02 | Thos. M. Greenough, | 02 |
| Geo. W. Griffin, | 07 | Joseph Spear, | 06 |
| Levi B. Allen, | 02 | Angeline V. Edgerly, | 12 |

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| Warren M. Smith, | 02 | Hiram B. Maxfield, | 08 |
| M. Ella Gould, | 08 | Harvey M. Conner, | 26 |
| Benj. F. Webster, | 04 | John K. Dudley, | 39 |
| Josiah Jones, | 03 | Daniel H. Elkins, | 03 |
| Jos. L. Jones, | 14 | Daniel Elkins, | 58 |
| Stephen B. Flanders, | 03 | J. A. and Wm. Jones, | 62 |
| John S. Thyng, | 01 | Jonathan Sleeper, | 25 |
| Jeremiah Blake, | 31 | Hannah Webster, | 48 |
| Warren M., and Ella A. Smith, | 02 | Walter E. Marsh, | 17 |
| Albert M. Newell, | 09 | Sam. G. Edgerly est, | 04 |
| Stephen S. Moody, | 10 | Edward S. Mudgett, | 53 |
| Frances H. Hodgdon heirs, | 05 | Foss and Green, | 15 |
| Cyrus Gilman, | 33 | Rufus B. Parsons, | 05 |
| Joseph B. McClary, | 05 | Mooney & Varney, | 35 |
| Chas. H. Perkins, | 06 | Fred L. Riley, | 20 |
| Martha J. Beck, | 10 | Ed. E. Smith, | 05 |
| Eugene L. Mudgett, | 11 | Geo. H. Brown, | 27 |
| Alfred C. Jacobs, | 10 | Geo. Montgomery, | 73 |
| Chas. H. Downs, | 01 | Sylvester Goodwin, | 24 |
| Reuben Giles, | 20 | Geo. W. Parsons, | 93 |
| Rufus E. Gale, | 21 | Dana L. Marsh, | 20 |
| Josiah D. Nelson, | 54 | Elb. G. Clough, | 24 |
| Joseph S. Young, | 09 | Geo. E. Shannon, | 16 |
| David Bickford, | 10 | Edwin J. Page, | 18 |
| Herbert N. Weeks, | 17 | John S. R. Brown, | 13 |
| Josiah J. Bean, | 60 | Shakers, by H. E. Marsh, | 1 09 |
| Horace T. Gilman, | 11 | H. E. Marsh, | 1 25 |
| Chas. A. Price, | 31 | Chas. A. Dockham, | 1 41 |
| Geo. F. Kelley, | 41 | Edgar F. Hall, | 77 |
| Geo. W. Burress, | 06 | Augusta M. Leavitt, | 90 |
| Chas. W. Munsey, | 49 | Benson A. Leavitt, | 18 |
| John and Sam. E. Eveleth, | 35 | C. W. J. Peaslee, | 08 |
| Richard J. Varney, | 63 | | |
| Edwin Varney, | 25 | | |
| | | | <hr/> \$21.95 |

Treasurer's Report.

JOHN CONNELL, Treasurer, in account with the town of Gilmanton :
1887.

| | | |
|----------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| March 1, | To cash in hands of Treasurer, | \$ 2,048 17 |
| “ 12, | “ hired of A. L. Lougee, | 86 00 |
| June 25, | “ “ B. Hussey, | 25 00 |
| Aug. 1, | “ “ Vona Ham, | 50 00 |
| “ 20, | “ received of J. P. Clough, | 11 |
| Dec. 1, | “ “ Thos. Cogswell, int. on note, | 2 29 |
| 1888. | | |
| Feb. 14, | “ “ the state for railroad tax, | 48 35 |
| “ | “ “ savings bank tax, | 1,421 60 |
| “ | “ “ literary fund, | 196 10 |
| 25, | “ “ J. W. Ham for wood sold, | 4 75 |
| “ | “ “ C. H. Goodwin collector for 1887, | 10,272 75 |
| | | \$14,155 12 |

PAID OUTSTANDING ORDERS AND INTEREST.

1887.

| | | |
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| March 1, | By paid A. L. Lougee, order and interest in full, | \$ 86 00 |
| “ 3, | H. Buzzell, balance in full, | 61 02 |
| “ 17, | M. J. Potter, order in part, | 15 00 |
| “ 21, | M. J. Tebbetts, order in full, | 149 45 |
| April 16, | J. A. Edgerly, order in part, | 5 40 |
| “ 26, | M. O. Merrill, “ | 10 50 |
| “ | J. Lougee, “ | 5 96 |
| “ | R. Lougee, “ | 15 00 |
| “ 27, | J. Young, “ | 25 00 |
| “ 29, | H. S. Page, “ | 6 94 |
| “ 30, | H. D. Edgerly, “ | 25 00 |
| May 7, | A. P. Shannon, “ | 5 15 |
| “ 19, | H. D. Edgerly, balance in full, | 27 33 |
| June 3, | J. W. Ham, order in full, | 102 79 |
| “ 10, | S. A. Cotton, three orders in part, | 27 45 |
| “ 13, | L. F. Edgerly, “ | 11 03 |
| “ 25, | E. Hill, “ | 35 00 |

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| June | 25, | By paid S. C. Beck, order in full, | \$ 7 91 |
| " | 29, | A. V. Edgerly, order in part, | 50 77 |
| July | 23, | J. Watson, " | 50 00 |
| " | 26, | R. M. Gray, two orders in part, | 18 00 |
| Aug. | 26, | M. Nelson, " | 36 00 |
| " | " | E. Holbrook, " | 38 23 |
| Sept. | 5, | S. D. Nutter, " | 3 00 |
| | 21, | E. Hill, " | 35 00 |
| | 28, | A. T. Page, order in full, | 55 35 |
| Oct. | 6, | O. E. Moulton, order in part, | 30 00 |
| Nov. | 1, | J. T. Gilman, " | 7 50 |
| | 18, | S. L. Mudgett, " | 15 00 |
| Dec. | 1, | Charles Varney, " | 30 08 |
| " | " | Ira Shannon, " | 50 00 |
| | 27, | J. Lougee, " | 50 00 |
| 1888. | | | |
| Jan. | 3, | E. T. Gilman, order in full, | 189 23 |
| | 6, | O. E. Moulton, order in part, | 45 00 |
| Feb. | 1, | D. H. Merrill, order in full, | 99 46 |
| " | " | The several religious societies, | 32 08 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| | | | \$1,456 63 |
| | 14, | state tax, | 1,144 00 |
| " | " | county tax, | 1,625 71 |
| " | " | O. J. Edgerly, order for school money, | 1,173 80 |

MISCELLANEOUS.

| | | |
|---------|--|---------|
| By paid | E. S. Mudgett, use of watering trough, 1886, | \$ 1 50 |
| | J. Hadlock, for road machine, | 258 00 |
| | A. R. Page, freight on road machine, | 12 30 |
| | " for drawing machine from Alton, and cash paid for storage, | 2 38 |
| | J. B. Sanborn, blank books, | 5 10 |
| | J. W. Ham, copying invoice, 1887, | 8 00 |
| | Z. H. Kitchen, use of watering trough, 1887, | 3 00 |
| | A. R. Page, money paid J. W. Wells, services as sur- veyor on Belmont and Gilmanton line, | 1 42 |
| | D. Beede, labor and care town hall, | 4 00 |
| | S. Vittum, professional services in Paige case, | 5 00 |
| | M. C. Lamprey, use of watering trough, 1887, | 3 00 |
| | A. P. Munsey, " " | 3 00 |
| | C. A. Osborn, " " | 3 00 |
| | G. F. Kelley, " " | 3 00 |
| | F. E. Shannon, reporting three births and one death, in 1887, | 1 00 |

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| By paid C. H. Shannon, labor on highway, | 1887, | \$ 8 50 |
| F. N. Merrill, “ | “ | 3 50 |
| M. S. Gale, “ | “ | 70 |
| C. P. Webster, lumber for repairing bridge, | “ | 1 50 |
| J. P. Hill, labor on highway, | “ | 5 35 |
| D. S. Ayer, “ | “ | 5 75 |
| D. C. Page, “ | “ | 4 37 |
| J. R. Munsey, money paid for labor on highway, | “ | 43 88 |
| “ labor | “ | 11 50 |
| C. W. J. Peaslee, “ | “ | 3 87 |
| J. Brown, “ | “ | 29 75 |
| “ 40 feet of oak plank, | “ | 80 |
| “ damage to plow, | “ | 75 |
| J. S. Page, bridge plank and labor on highway, | “ | 15 36 |
| F. D. Young, “ for use of town, | “ | 3 86 |
| E. S. Nelson, “ | “ | 4 06 |
| C. C. Varney, labor on highway, | “ | 6 49 |
| A. A. Jones, bridge plank for use of town, | “ | 3 18 |
| J. S. Osborn, labor on highway, | “ | 3 25 |
| W. N. Swain, “ | “ | 3 75 |
| L. E. Page, “ | “ | 2 26 |
| R. W. Page, bridge plank for use of town, | “ | 11 00 |
| J. L. Jones, labor on highway, | “ | 3 10 |
| G. F. Kelley, for man and 4 oxen operating road machine 22 days at \$6 50 per day, | | 143 00 |
| A. H. Emerson, lumber for railing road, | 1887, | 11 67 |
| J. Young, labor on highway, | “ | 3 33 |
| G. C. Prescott, “ | “ | 2 88 |
| C. A. Osborn, bridge plank, labor on highway, | “ | 6 12 |
| G. H. Greenough, “ | “ | 15 82 |
| N. B. Jones, labor and lumber, repairing bridges, and railing road, | | 17 30 |
| S. B. Swain, labor on highway, | 1887, | 3 00 |
| J. K. Dudley, “ | “ | 2 35 |
| H. E. Marsh, damage to plow, | “ | 1 00 |
| J. A. Jones, bridge plank and drawing the same, | “ | 4 36 |
| H. E. Marsh, labor on highway, | “ | 2 25 |
| T. B. Lane, damage to plow, | “ | 2 50 |
| J. Connell & Co., nails for the town, | “ | 96 |
| C. D. Weare, furnishing guide-boards, setting and lettering board | | 75 |
| C. H. Goodwin, damage to carriage, | 1887, | 2 00 |
| Wm. Haynes, labor on highway, | “ | 4 12 |
| J. W. Ham, “ | “ | 1 50 |

 \$955 76

By paid C. H. Goodwin, expense of breaking roads in winter of 1886-7, \$2,538 43

ABATEMENTS.

| | | |
|--|-------|---------|
| By paid D. Bickford, for loss of horse, | 1887, | 74 |
| G. Taggart, abatement for over tax, | " | 1 85 |
| W. N. Swain | " | 1 85 |
| C. E. French, abatement of poll, | " | 1 85 |
| C. H. Goodwin, collector, over tax of A. S. Leighton, | | 1 85 |
| Thos. Cogswell, abatement over tax, | 1887, | 1 85 |
| J. W. Merrill, " steer lost, | 1886, | 40 |
| M. S. Clough, " ox " | 1887, | 74 |
| B. F. Webster, drawback for over tax, | 1886, | 2 c6 |
| C. H. Goodwin, col., abatement poll tax of J. Morrison, | 1887, | 1 85 |
| C. H. Goodwin, " " B. A. Ricker, " | | 1 85 |
| J. C. Page, abatement of poll tax | " | 1 85 |
| C. H. Goodwin, col., abat. highway tax E. F. Estes, | | |
| in | 1886, | 50 |
| O. Folsom, abatement for loss of cow, | 1887, | 51 |
| W. N. Swain, " " horse | 1886, | 68 |
| C. H. Goodwin, collector, abatement non-resident tax worked in | 1887, | 77 |
| C. H. Goodwin, " " poll tax of C. E. Otis in 1887 and highway tax of 1886, | | 2 35 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$23 55 |

POOR OF THE TOWN.

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| By paid J. M. Hillsgrove for board of Mrs. S. A. Young from April 3 to May 23, 1887, | 10 50 |
| S. A. Taylor, med. aid to Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Dockham from May 6 to June 25, 1887, | 20 00 |
| J. M. Hillsgrove, board of Mrs. S. A. Young from May 23 to Aug. 22, 1887, | 19 50 |
| W. S. P. Sanderson, aid to Wm. Sidney, | 2 40 |
| J. M. Hillsgrove, board of Mrs. S. A. Young from Aug. 22 to Sept. 26, 1887, | 7 50 |
| M. J. Davis, board of Mrs. S. A. Young from Feb. 28 to April 3, 1887, | 7 50 |
| Geo. H. Brown, med. aid to Wm. Sidney, | 17 00 |
| S. H. Dearborn, | 5 00 |
| J. M. Hillsgrove, board of Mrs. S. A. Young, | 3 00 |
| D. S. Ayer, aid to M. B. Dockham, 1887, | 1 50 |
| M. A. Bunker, board of Mrs. S. A. Young from Oct. 8 to Dec. 10, 1887, | 13 50 |

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| By paid A. A. Jones, aid to Wm. Sidney, | \$2 25 |
| M. A. Bunker, board of Mrs. S. A. Young from Dec. 10, 1887, to Jan. 14, 1888. | 7 50 |
| W. S. P. Sanderson, aid to Wm. Sidney, | 70 |
| J. Connell & Co. " M. B. Dockham, | 28 50 |
| S. H. Dearborn, " Wm. Sidney, | 2 50 |
| J. Connell, morphine furn. Mrs. M. B. Dockham, | 39 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$187 85 |

AID TO SOLDIERS.

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| By paid O. E. Anis for board of Geo. P. Barron and 2 boys, | 6 00 |
| L. Pickering, aid to self, | 10 00 |
| W. N. Dennett, board of A. S. Gale from April 24 to July 3, 1887. | 10 00 |
| L. Pickering, aid to self, | 20 00 |
| W. N. Dennett, board of A. S. Gale from July 3 to Oct. 30, 1887, | 17 00 |
| W. N. Dennett, " " Oct. 30 to Dec. 4. 1887. | 5 00 |
| L. Pickering, aid to self, | 10 00 |
| E. J. Lord, burial ex. of D. G. Allen, | 21 50 |
| L. Pickering, aid to self, | 10 00 |
| C. A. Dockham, " D. G. Allen, | 83 |
| S. Watson, board of D. G. Allen during his sickness, | 11 37 |
| S. C. Place, " A. S. Gale from Dec. 4, 1887, to Feb. 26, 1888, | 12 00 |
| J. F. Place, board and care of D. G. Allen, | 10 00 |
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| | \$143 70 |

TOWN OFFICERS.

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| By paid G. W. Adams and D. M. Moulton, serv. as auditors, | \$ 6 00 |
| J. R. Munsey, in part, serv. as selectman, 1887, | 10 00 |
| G. W. Sanborn, services as moderator, 1886, | 4 00 |
| W. S. P. Sanderson, " town clerk, in part, | 20 47 |
| C. H. Goodwin, Col., " collector, for the year 1887, | 150 00 |
| W. S. P. Sanderson, " town clerk, for 1887, | 23 70 |
| J. R. Munsey, " perambulating Belmont line, in 1887, | 1 83 |
| A. R. Page, services and expense perambulating Bel- mont and Gilmanton line, | 2 50 |
| J. Connell, serv. as treasurer, | 60 00 |
| J. R. Munsey, services as selectman, 1887, | 54 18 |
| A. R. Page, " " | 52 00 |
| J. W. Ham, " " | 67 20 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$451 88 |

DAMAGE DONE DOMESTIC ANIMALS.

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| By paid A. V. Edgerly, order for | \$7 00 | \$4 62 |
| J. Ellsworth, “ | 27 00 | 17 82 |
| M. S. Gale, “ | 10 00 | 6 60 |
| D. Dow, “ | 8 00 | 5 28 |
| N. Pulsifer, “ | 10 50 | 6 93 |
| J. A. Maxfield, “ | 8 00 | 5 28 |
| E. A. Paige, “ | 4 00 | 2 64 |
| A. H. French, “ | 15 00 | 9 90 |
| H. E. Marsh, “ | 97 50 | 64 36 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$123 52 |

EXPENSE OF BOARD OF EDUCATION IN 1886.

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|---|----------|
| By paid George C. Parsons, services as auditor, in 1886-7. | \$1 00 |
| George W. Parsons, for meals and horse-baiting “ | 7 00 |
| “ “ services as member of school board. | |
| for year ending March 19th, '87. | 54 11 |
| O. J. Edgerly, services as member of school board, for | |
| year ending March 19th, '87, | 20 75 |
| J. F. Weeks, services as member of school board, for | |
| year ending March 19th, '87, | 67 55 |
| Lewis, Vaughan & Co. for printing school report, | 20 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$170 41 |

EXPENSE OF BOARD OF EDUCATION IN 1887.

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| By paid O. J. Edgerly, services as member of school board, | \$32 90 |
| O. J. Edgerly, board of school board and horse baiting, | 4 34 |
| W. S. P. Sanderson, serv. as clerk of school district, '86-7, | 5 70 |
| G. W. Parsons, service as member of school board, '87, | 81 44 |
| G. W. Parson, books furnished indigent children. | 3 34 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$127 72 |

RECAPITULATION.

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| To amount charged to Treasurer by Selectmen, | \$14,155 12 |
| By paid outstanding orders and interest, | \$1,456 63 |
| Current expenses, miscellaneous, | 397 25 |
| “ “ roads and bridges, | 957 26 |
| “ “ abatements, | 23 55 |
| “ “ poor of the town, | 187 85 |
| “ “ aid to soldiers, | 143 70 |
| Damage done domestic animals by dogs, | 123 42 |
| School money, | 1,173 80 |
| Breaking roads in winter of 1886-7, | 2,538 43 |
| State tax, | 1,144 00 |
| County tax, | 1,625 71 |

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| By paid Town officers, | \$ 451 88 |
| School Board, in 1886, | 170 41 |
| “ 1887, | 127 72 |
| Two notes in favor of the town, | 98 90 |
| Cash in hands of Treasurer, | 3,534 61 |
| | <hr/> \$14,155 12 |

JOHN CONNELL, Treasurer.

JOHN W. HAM, } Selectmen
ALBERT R. PAGE, } of
JAY R. MUNSEY, } Gilmanton.

We, the undersigned, have carefully examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched, and a balance of \$3,534 61 in hands of Treasurer.

ALBERT A. JONES, } Auditors.
SYLVESTER GOODWIN, }

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

| | | | |
|---------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|---------|
| G. M. Bunker, order for | \$20 00, | Interest due March 1, 1888, | \$14 50 |
| O.E. Moulton, balance “ | 8 44, | | |
| L. A. Hussey, two orders, | 425 68, | do | 69 29 |
| J. H. Beck, order | 5 77, | do. | 2 31 |
| E. Holbrook, bal. | 92 94, | do. | 2 66 |
| E. E. Stockbridge, 2 ord. | 10 00, | do. | 2 81 |
| C. F. Moulton, “ | 11 06, | do. | 2 86 |
| E. Hill, balance “ | 463 61, | | |
| S. A. Cotton, 3 ord. | 305 00, | do. | 9 65 |
| Bearer, order, | 417 81, | do. | 25 06 |
| M. M. Lougee, order | 40 00, | do. | 3 52 |
| M. Nelson, “ | 200 00, | do. | 4 50 |
| S. S. Young, 5 “ | 631 39, | do. | 79 43 |
| A.N. Parsons, “ | 200 00, | do. | 37 77 |
| J. E. Osgood, “ | 100 00, | do. | 20 30 |
| M. R. Lougee, “ | 65 00, | do. | 5 39 |
| S. L. Mudgett, “ | 500 00, | do. | 8 42 |
| M. A. Lougee, 2 “ | 459 34, | do. | 53 65 |
| M.R. Lougee, “ | 50 00, | do. | 4 03 |
| R. M. Gray, 2 “ | 650 00, | do. | 13 54 |
| J. Watson, 2 “ | 180 00, | do. | 26 48 |
| Ira Shannon, balance, | 162 28, | | |
| M. A. Nelson, order | 200 00, | do | 24 01 |
| M. E. Nelson, “ | 10 09, | do. | 1 01 |
| M. L. Dow, “ | 104 07, | do. | 12 83 |
| Asa T. Page, “ | 100 00, | do. | 10 00 |
| A. P. Shannon, “ | 171 72, | do. | 5 06 |
| R. Lougee, “ | 500 00, | do. | 14 45 |
| J. A. Edgerly, balance | 180 00, | do. | 5 06 |

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| N. Hodgdon, order, | \$ 100 00, | Interest due March 1, 1888, | \$ 8 89 |
| J. Lougee, balance | 156 75, | do. | 5 37 |
| S. D. Nutter, order | 100 00, | do. | 2 89 |
| M. J. Potter, " | 500 00, | do. | 14 46 |
| H. S. Page, " | 231 31, | do. | 13 36 |
| L. F. Edgerly, " | 367 60, | do. | 10 20 |
| M. A. Hurd, " | 300 00, | do. | 26 32 |
| A. V. Jenkins, balance | 626 00, | do. | 17 20 |
| B. Hussey, order | 50 00, | do. | 6 38 |
| A. W. Lougee, balance | 245 00, | do. | 28 12 |
| A. M. Hurd, order | 93 43, | do. | 8 19 |
| O. J. Edgerly, " | 1,000 00, | do. | 56 50 |
| M. O. Merrill, " | 350 00, | do. | 9 27 |
| D. G. Edgerly, balance | 200 00, | do. | 18 47 |
| D. Connell, " | 100 62, | | |
| J. Young, " | 420 93, | do. | 37 66 |
| M. Nelson, order | 380 00, | do. | 27 30 |
| C. S. Page, guard. " | 30 00, | do. | 2 18 |
| M. R. Lougee, " | 30 00, | do. | 1 98 |
| C. Varney, " | 1,002 67, | do. | 5 43 |
| J. T. Gilman, 2 " | 250 00, | do. | 8 11 |
| A. T. Page, " | 50 00, | do. | 2 94 |
| B. Hussey, " | 25 00, | do. | 1 47 |
| J. Young, balance | 25 00, | do. | 2 26 |
| E. H. Hill, " | 75 00, | do. | 3 77 |
| A. L. Lougee, order | 86 00, | do. | 2 50 |
| B. Hussey, " | 25 00, | do. | 51 |
| U. Ham. " | 50 00, | do. | 87 |
| C. S. Page, " | 7 00. | | |
| J. M. Pickering, " | 40. | | \$782 19 |
| E. E. Merrill, 2 " | 77. | | |
| J. T. Watson, " | 1 00. | | |
| D. Cook, " | 3 00. | | |
| H. N. Weeks, " | 1 00. | | |
| D. S. Ayer, " | 1 18. | | |
| Dog tax, | 129 00. | | |

\$12,277 86

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Amount of outstanding orders March 1, 1888, | \$13,210 77 |
| " interest due " " | 848 28 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$14,059 05 |

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

| | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Cash in hands of Treasurer, | \$3,534 61 | |
| Two notes in favor of town, | 98 90 | |
| One safe, | 164 50 | |
| Due from M. S. Gale, Collector, | 93 08 | |
| Land purchased for town, | 100 00 | |
| One road machine, | 250 00 | |
| | <u> </u> | \$4,241 09 |
| | | \$9,817 96 |

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|---|-------------|
| Indebtedness March 1, 1887, over means, | \$12,406 11 |
| “ “ 1888, “ | 9,817 96 |

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|----------------------------|------------|
| Reduction of debt in 1887, | \$2,588 15 |
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JOHN CONNELL, Treasurer.

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|-----------------|---|-------------------------------|
| JOHN W. HAM, | } | Selectmen of Gilmanton. |
| ALBERT R. PAGE, | | |
| JAY R. MUNSEY, | | |

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| ALBERT A. JONES, | } | Auditors. |
| SYLVESTER GOODWIN, | | |

Town Clerk's Report.

The following is a correct report of all marriages, births and deaths in the town of Gilmanton, that have been reported to the Town Clerk, for the year ending December 31, 1887.

Births Registered in the Town of Gilmanton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1887.

| Date of Birth. | Name of Child (if any.) | Sex and Condition. | | | Name of Father. | Maiden Name of Mother. | Color. | Residence of Parents. | Occupation of Father. | Birthplace of Father. | Birthplace of Mother. |
|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | Male. | Female. | Living or Stillborn. | No. of Child 1st, 2d, &c. | | | | | | |
| Feb. 4 | | | | | 2 | | White. | Gil'ton. | Farmer. | Concord. | Gilmanton. |
| April 25 | Ann M. Lamprey. | M | F | " | 1 | Jay R. Munsey. | " | " | Blacksmith | Gilmanton. | Plymouth. |
| June 11 | | M | F | " | 1 | Walter N. Maxfield. | " | " | | Laconia. | Salisbury. |
| June 13 | | M | F | " | 1 | Henry C. Lamprey. | " | Gilford | | Bellows Falls, Vt. | Hopkinton. |
| Aug. 30 | | M | F | " | 5 | Nellie M. Burbank. | " | Gil'ton. | Farmer. | Gilmanton. | " |
| Aug. 30 | | M | F | " | 4 | Marion O. Ordway. | " | " | " | " | Gilmanton. |
| Sept. 4 | | M | F | " | 5 | Ella M. Longee. | " | " | " | " | Barnstead. |
| Oct. 20 | | M | F | " | 2 | Anna E. Price. | " | " | Merchant. | " | Wareham, Mass. |
| Nov. 8 | | M | F | " | 4 | Annie Griffin. | " | " | Farmer. | " | Gilmanton. |
| Nov. 30 | | M | F | " | 3 | Julia F. Butt. | " | " | " | " | " |
| | | | | | | Ada S. Watson. | " | " | " | " | " |

Marriages Recorded in the Town of Gilmanton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31st, 1887.

| Date of Mar. | Place of Marriage. | Name and Surname of Groom and Bride. | Residence of each at time of Marriage. | Age in Years. | Color of each. | Occupation of Groom and Bride. | Place of Birth of each. | Name of Parents. | Birthplace of Parents. | Occupation | * Condition | Name and Official Station of person by whom married. |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------|-------------|--|
| Mar. 23 | Gilmanton. | William S. Page. | Gilmanton. | 50 ¹ | W | Farmer. | Gilmanton. | Oliver L. Page. | Gilmanton. | Farmer. | 1st | Rev. N. McMurphy, Gilmanton. |
| | | Cora Couch. | Sutton. | 22 | " | Housewife. | Sutton. | Daniel L. Marsh. | Loudon. | Farmer. | " | " |
| April 5 | Tilton. | Clarence M. Eveleth. | Gilmanton. | 23 | " | Carpenter. | Gilmanton. | Eliza Austin. | Gilmanton. | Farmer. | " | " |
| | | Lizzie M. May. | Barton, Vt. | 23 | " | Housewife. | Barton. | Leah H. Brown. | Concord. | Housewife. | " | " N. M. Learned, Tilton. |
| June 5 | Alton. | Fred B. Young. | Gilmanton. | 20 | " | Shoemaker. | Gilmanton. | Sarah Sanford May. | Gilmanton. | Farmer. | " | " |
| | | Addie F. Aiken. | Barnstead. | 15 | " | Operative. | Barnstead. | Nathaniel Young. | Gilmanton. | Housewife. | " | " Lyman White, Alton. |
| 27 | Gilmanton. | John D. Watson. | Gilmanton. | 29 | " | Shoe Cutter. | Gilmanton. | Lucy A. Prescott. | Barnstead. | Farmer. | " | " |
| | | Mary B. White. | Haverhill, Mass | 31 | " | Dress-maker. | Newcastle. | David Aiken. | Concord. | Housewife. | 2d | " J. G. Munsey, Gilmanton I. W. |
| July 3 | " | Charles A. Johnson. | Stafford. | 27 | " | Fireman. | Stafford. | John Watson. | Alton. | Farmer. | 1st | " S. S. N. Greeley, Gilmanton. |
| | | Mary E. Young. | Gilmanton. | 16 | " | Housewife. | Gilmanton. | Abbie B. Foss. | " | Housewife. | " | " |
| Nov. 20 | Pittsfield. | John T. Elkins. | " | 26 | " | Farmer. | " | Alexander White. | Stafford. | Farmer. | " | " Wm. C. Stiles, Pittsfield. |
| | | Cora B. Ham. | " | 25 | " | Housewife. | " | Martha A. Otis. | Barnstead. | Housewife. | " | " |
| 20 | Gilmanton. | Laural A. Blake. | Whitman. | 30 | " | La'orer. | Peacham, Vt. | Alvin Young. | Deerfield. | Farmer. | " | " |
| | | Lizzie M. Page. | Gilmanton. | 24 | " | " | Gilmanton. | Sarah E. Doe. | Gilmanton. | Housewife. | " | " |
| | | | | | | | | Liberly W. Ham. | Farmington. | Housewife. | " | " |
| | | | | | | | | John W. Ham. | Gilmanton. | Farmer. | " | " |
| | | | | | | | | Abbie Y. Varney. | Augusta, Me. | Housewife. | " | " |
| | | | | | | | | David W. Blake. | " | Housewife. | " | " |
| | | | | | | | | Marietta Z. Blake. | " | Housewife. | " | " |
| | | | | | | | | John S. Page. | " | Housewife. | " | " |
| | | | | | | | | Sarah Page. | " | Housewife. | " | " |

*What Marriage—whether first, second, &c.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Gilmanton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1887.

| Date of Death. | Name and Surname of the Deceased. | Age. | | | Place of Birth. | Sex. | Color. | Married, Widowed. | Occupation. | Place of Birth. | | Name of Father. | Maiden Name of Mother. |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|--------|---------|-------|-----------------|------|--------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| | | Years. | Months. | Days. | | | | | | Father. | Mother. | | |
| Jan. 17 | Infant Edgerly. | 86 | 11 | 17 | Gilmanton. | F | W | W | Tailor. | Gilmanton. | Newtown. | Trueworthy Chesley. | — Fowels. |
| Feb. 2 | Theodore L. Evans. | 96 | 7 | 26 | Lyman, Me. | M | " | " | Farmer. | Hampton. | Gilmanton. | Stephen Swain. | Nancy Sanborn. |
| 4 | William Swain. | 76 | 5 | 23 | Gilmanton. | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | Lydia Sanborn. |
| 27 | Leonard Weeks. | 52 | | | Northwood. | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | Laura J. Lougee. |
| Mar. 28 | Eben O'good. | 72 | | | | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | Mary Mooney. |
| April 1 | William B. Thompson. | 64 | 3 | 15 | Gilford. | F | " | " | " | Gilmanton. | " | William Thompson. | Martha A. Holmes. |
| 12 | Valer Shannon. | 17 | 7 | 7 | Alton. | M | " | S | " | " | " | Charles Shannon. | Mary Elizabeth Clark. |
| May 18 | Joseph M. Coffin. | 64 | 5 | 7 | Gilmanton. | M | " | S | Shoemaker. | Alton. | Alton. | Samuel Coffin. | Ruth Hanson. |
| 18 | Charles C. French. | 23 | | | Gilmanton. | F | " | " | " | Gilmanton. | Barnstead. | George W. French. | Nellie M. Burbank. |
| 24 | Nellie Elmer Ham. | 20 | 1 | | Barnstead. | F | " | " | Housemaid. | " | " | James Christie Ham. | Nancy Morrison. |
| 28 | William Jones. | 63 | | | Gilmanton. | M | " | " | Farmer. | " | " | John Wentworth. | Georgianna M. Rollins. |
| 29 | John Wentworth. | 80 | | | Ostjee. | " | " | " | " | " | " | Henry Williams. | Elizabeth French. |
| June 13 | Jeremiah Ellsworth. | 66 | | 2 | Gilmanton. | " | " | " | " | Bellows Falls. | Hopkinton. | David Ellsworth. | Elizabeth Jimpson. |
| 16 | Samuel M. Twombly. | 65 | 3 | 12 | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | Ralph Twombly. | " |
| July 16 | Owen Jodile Brown. | 1 | 7 | 20 | " | " | " | " | Laborer. | Barnstead. | Gilmanton. | Joseph Brown. | " |
| Aug. 11 | Mary Dow Kendall. | 84 | | | " | F | " | " | " | London. | " | Ephraim Dow. | " |
| Sept. 5 | Mary Elizabeth Potter. | 85 | 6 | 4 | Danville, Vt. | F | " | " | Housekeeper. | Gilmanton. | New Hampton. | T. Ladd. | " |
| | Jacob Rollins. | 85 | | | | M | " | " | " | Salisbury. | Salisbury, Vt. | " | " |
| | — Rollins. | 78 | | | | F | " | " | " | " | " | " | " |

School Report.

To the Citizens of the Town of Gilmanton:

The school board herewith submit their second annual report: The number of schools supported by the town district during the year has been thirteen.

The Kelley and Parish school, Nos. 1 and 15; Potter, No. 2; Hall's Hill, No. 3; Pond and Griffin, Nos. 4 and 14; Smith Meeting House, No. 5; Cogswell, No. 6; Lougeetown and Gale, Nos. 7 and 11; Allen's and Jones' Mills, Nos. 8 and 13; Academy Corner, No. 9; Sanborn and Lamprey, No's. 10 and 17; Rogers, No. 16; Iron Works, No. 18; Guinea, No. 12.

No. 1,—Kelley and Parish School.

Kelley.

Summer term of six weeks taught by Mrs. Etta M. Gilman. Under Mrs. Gilman's thorough and systematic instruction, this school is making decided and rapid progress. Classes in reading were especially noticeable. Rhetorical exercises were very interesting.

We consider the school very fortunate that secures the services of Mrs. Gilman as instructress. No. of visitors, 14.

Roll of Honor: J. Wheeler Brown, Leon C. Merrill, Georgie E. Brown, Emma B. Brown, Florence E. Carr, Mary B. Carr, Annie M. Carr, Mary E. Gould, Maud E. Gilman, Eva G. Osborn and Mabel F. Kelley. P.

(No. 15.) Parish.

Fall term of seven weeks, Mrs. Etta M. Gilman teacher. Mrs. Gilman fully sustained her long established reputation as a first-class teacher. This school was a grand success in every department. The classes in reading showed thorough drilling, as also the classes in mathematics.

The recitations and declamations were very interesting and were listened to by many of the parents and friends of the scholars.

At the close of the exercises, the teacher was presented with an elegant album. No. of visitors, 14.

Roll of Honor: Allie L. Pease, Frank W. Foss, John W. Brown, Emma B. Brown, Georgie E. Brown, May E. Gould, Maud E. Gilman and Mabel F. Kelley. P.

No. 1.—Kelley.

Winter term of six weeks under the care of Miss Emma A. Clarke, of Durham, N. H. Miss Clarke is a first-class teacher, having had a long and successful experience, there was no occasion for experimental work.

She at once placed her classes in "working order," and, by her kind and intelligent direction the school progressed rapidly to its close. Miss Clarke does not believe in a too frequent use of the "rod," as a reminder of wrong doing, but appeals rather to the reasons and better natures of her pupils; and by her social, kind and ladylike treatment readily gains the love and respect, and usually the cheerful obedience of her scholars.

The closing examination was witnessed by a large number of parents and friends of the children. No. of visitors, 18.

Roll of Honor: Geo. G. Allen, John W. Brown, Myrtie E. Bickford, Georgie E. Brown, Albert A. Carr, Maud E. Gilman, May E. Gould, Mabel F. Kelley, Leon C. Merrill, Leslie E. Bickford.

Deserving honorable mention,—Emma B. Brown, Eva G. Osborn and Abbie J. Parsons. P.

No. 2.—Potter School.

Two terms, one of eight and one of seven weeks, both taught by Miss Ardena M. Diamond of Loudon.

Order perfect, and secured without any apparent effort on the part of the teacher. The closing examination indicated that there had been close and continued application on the part of the scholars, and careful, efficient and intelligent direction on the part of the teacher. The parents in this district take a lively interest in the intellectual progress of their children; they also expressed their appreciation of a good school by their presence at the closing examination.

Provide the scholars in this district with a comfortable and attractive school room.

The scholars, as a token of their love and esteem, at the close of the exercises presented their teacher with a nice jewelry casket. No. of visitors, 43.

Roll of Honor: Annie M. Barber, Hattie Clough, Irene Shannon, Joseph C. Barber, Clarence V. Clark, Carroll E. Foss, Frank W. Foss, Ernest H. Goodwin, Chas. A. Goodwin, Allie L. Pease, Clarence D. Shannon and Myron W. Lane. P.

No. 3.—Hall's Hill.

First term of eight weeks, Mrs. Charlotte J. Collins teacher.

On account of a misunderstanding, this school was visited but once, and that at its commencement. Every thing then indicated a prosperous and successful term, and from what I have learned since its close, I think it is safe to report a profitable school to all concerned.

Mrs. Collins possesses many traits that fit her especially for the vocation of teacher. No. of visitors, 7.

Roll of Honor: Lorenzo Perkins, Mary Page, Russell Clough and Mabel Page.

Second term of seven weeks, Miss Olive E. Sanborn, teacher. Miss Sanborn has taught this school several terms, giving perfect satisfaction, and meriting as she richly deserves, the full confidence of both parents and children. She possesses fine literary attainments; has had a large and successful experience; quick to discern the wants of the school, she evinces much tact and ability in supplying those wants.

Miss Sanborn fully sustained her well-earned reputation as a careful, correct and efficient teacher.

The school house in this district, or rather the apology for a school house, has long since passed its day of usefulness, elegance and beauty, and should be at once, and forever, removed from view. Why the present rickety, unsightly, tumbledown old structure has been, and is longer allowed to mar, by its presence, this otherwise attractive and beautiful locality, the school board fails to see and comprehend.

There are some "monument," and "mementoes," aside from the "Eternal hills," remaining, to remind us of the early days of our ancestors, and of times and events that date anterior to the memory of our oldest inhabitants; but when these reminders of the past come to be, in the community where found, a disgrace and a nuisance, let us then in the name of justice and humanity remove them forever from public gaze, and supply their place by a structure, that shall be not only an honor and a credit to the fathers, but at the same time, a blessing and a comfort to the children.

Let us then willingly and cheerfully assist in procuring for the residents of this section of the town, a convenient, comfortable and commodious school building. The tax-payers in this part of the district have already borne a heavy burden in procuring for other children comfortable houses, and are receiving nothing in return.

Unless the town district take some measures to provide the children in this part of the district with at least a comfortable house, the school board will be compelled to take some action in the matter. No. of visitors, 5.

Roll of Honor: Mabel W. Page, Walter D. Page. P.

Pond and Griffin School.

(No. 4.) Pond.

Winter term of nine weeks, Miss Alice M. Ayers, teacher.

By reason of the roads being impassable, this school was not visited at its close, and I can only remark in reference to its success that, as a rule, the necessary requisites to a successful term of school are a good teacher and industrious scholars, both of which I found at my visit at its commencement. No. of visitors, 5.

Roll of Honor: Georgie M. Griffin, and Fred S. French. P.

Griffin. (No. 14.)

One term of ten weeks, Miss Alice M. Ayer, teacher. This is a very orderly and easily governed school; the utmost harmony between teacher and scholars was very apparent. Order perfect; advancement satisfactory.

The declamations at the closing examination were thoroughly committed and very finely rendered. The citizens of the district, by an act which all sections of the town would do well to emulate, expressed the deep interest they take in the education of their children and the proper development of their minds, by their general attendance at the closing examination.

As a token of their love and kind consideration, the scholars united in bestowing upon their teacher a beautiful toilet glass. No. of visitors, 21.

Roll of Honor: Luella Maxfield, Cora M. Tilton, Willie Tilton, Fred S. French, Howard Pease, Lee Pease and Herbert Maxfield. P.

No. 5.—Smith Meeting House.

Summer term of eight weeks, Miss Ella C. Hancock, teacher. Under Miss Hancock's instruction this school made very good improvement. Order perfect. Miss Hancock has many qualifications that fit her especially for an instructor of the young. A pleasant countenance and a kind word on the part of the teacher will often accomplish much more than harsh words and stern looks.

Parents! visit your school and encourage your children. No. of visitors, 5.

Roll of Honor: Nellie C. Paige, Winnie M. Paige, Nettie R. Peaslee and Mamie E. Stockbridge.

Winter term of eight weeks under the direction of Miss Carrie M. Sargent.

Miss Sargent ranks deservedly high as a teacher. Possessing an intellect of a high order, she at once understands the wants of the minds under her charge, and at the same time displays much ability and good judgment in supplying those wants. Very

thorough in her instruction, passing over nothing not thoroughly understood. Order satisfactory.

On account of extreme cold and bad condition of the roads the school was visited but once. No. of visitors, 6.

Roll of Honor: Winnie M. Paige, Nellie C. Paige, Nellie R. Peaslee, Bessie M. Peaslee, Charlie H. Peaslee and Mamie E. Stockbridge. P.

No. 6.—Cogswell.

First term of eight weeks taught by Miss Hattie B. Cogswell. This is the third consecutive term that Miss Cogswell has had charge of this school. This is becoming one of our smallest schools; yet there are some excellent scholars, that render its examinations very interesting.

We would have retained Miss Cogswell as teacher of the fall term, but she declined the position and Miss Diamond of Loudon was given charge of the school.

Miss Diamond evinced the same good judgment, the same unselfish and untiring effort for the advancement of the scholars that has characterized her previous efforts in town.

She was very pleasingly surprised to find upon her desk, the closing day of the term, a fine volume of poems, the gift of her school, a testimonial of their appreciation of her labor in their behalf.

Number of visitors first term, 3.

Number of visitors second term, 22.

Roll of Honor: First term; Esther Goodwin, Corran M. Smith.

Roll of Honor: Second term; Esther Goodwin, Annie M. Barber, Ernest H. Goodwin, Chas. E. Goodwin, and Joseph C. Barber. P.

Lougetown and Gale.

No. 7.—Lougetown.

One term of ten weeks, Miss Abbie L. Lougee, teacher. Miss Lougee has taught in this district several terms, and under her direction the children of this school are making satisfactory advancement. Although this is a very small school and the scholars young in years, yet the closing examination was very interesting; showing there had been a good amount of substantial work on the part of the teacher, and cheerful cooperation on the part of the scholars and parents.

The house in this district is but little in advance of the one on Hall's Hill. It is sadly out of repair and altogether unfit for the purposes of a school room. As the house is a very small one a trifling appropriation would put it in a condition suitable for the purposes of a school. The school board would therefore recommend the raising of a sum sufficient for the above purpose. No. of visitors, 9.

Roll of Honor: Hattie Ellis, Mattie Ellis, Bertha Ellis, and Lulie Foss. P.

No. 11.—Gale.

Fall term of ten weeks, taught by Miss Lizzie M. Page, who is much liked by the pupils and their parents, and is a most earnest and thorough teacher. Under her instruction the scholars made rapid progress. She is deserving of a larger school. No. of visitors, 11.

Roll of Honor: Winnie M. Page, Nellie R. Peaslee, Chas. W. Beck and Ivo F. Weeks. W.

Allen's and Jones' Mills School.

No. 8.—Allen's Mills.

One term of ten weeks, taught by Miss Annie M. Weeks, a graduate of Gilmanton Academy, class of 1886.

This was Miss Weeks' first experience in teaching and in her own district. This being one of our smallest schools it afforded but a very limited opportunity for the development of those characteristics essential to the success of a teacher in our common schools.

We were satisfied, however, that Miss Weeks is destined to become one of our successful teachers.

A very marked improvement was observable at the closing examination. A few of the friends of education were present at the close of the term. No. of visitors, 13.

Roll of Honor: Mary E. Weeks, Winnie B. and Ralph G. Greenough. P.

Jones' Mill.—No. 13.

This is one of the largest schools in town, composed mostly of small scholars. Miss Carrie M. Jones; a resident of the district, taught the summer term of seven weeks. She has had charge of this school in former terms, and under her management, the school made fair progress. No. of visitors, 22.

Roll of Honor: Luella Maxfield, Cora M. Tilton, Horace Maxfield, Lee W. Pease, Howard Pease, Walter Sawyer and Willie A. Tilton. W.

Winter term of six weeks, Miss Susie A. Smith of Worcester, Mass., instructress.

It is commendation enough to say that Miss Smith has fully sustained the high reputation acquired in this district and town in years past.

Firm, yet mild in her government, considerate and conscientious in all her requirements in the school room, everything, as a matter of course, moves with the utmost harmony and regularity.

Many things, and many principles usually passed over in our district schools were taught and thoroughly explained in this school, which served to open a broader field for study and investigation.

Judging from the appearance of the school at my second visit which was one week previous to its close, I am satisfied that the members of this school fully appreciated the high privileges they were enjoying, and were putting forth their best efforts to profit all that the brevity of the term would allow. No. of visitors, 15.

Roll of Honor: Albert F. Clifford.

P.

No. 9. Corner.

Summer term of nine weeks under the management of Miss Idella M. Drew, a resident of the district, and who has taught in the district several terms.

This school was visited but once, and that at its commencement. therefore I am unable to give a report of the progress made.

Miss Drew is a lady of fine literary attainments and possesses many qualifications necessary for a successful teacher. With a liberal amount of energy, determination and perseverance on the part of the teacher, and close attention, perfect obedience and continued application on the part of the scholars, a profitable term would be the inevitable result. No. of visitors, 20.

Roll of Honor: Mary A. Wight, Guy Page and Geo. F. M. Knowles.

Second term of eight weeks, under the instruction of Miss Cora B. Gale.

Miss Gale is too well, and too favorably known and appreciated, as a teacher in Gilmanton, to need any encomiums of mine. Allow me to say, however, that I admire the promptness, energy and decision manifested in her method of instruction and general management of her school. It is evident that Miss Gale is, not only a firm believer in the lines of Pope, that "Order is Heaven's first law," but that it is also, one of the first and essential requisites to a successful school. The scholars in this school are mostly small, the larger ones, many of them, attending the academy, yet the school at its closing examination made an excellent showing.

Miss Gale seemed to infuse new life and energy into this school, and under her judicious management and thorough instruction this school has taken a front rank as compared with other schools in town. Rhetorical exercises very interesting. No. of visitors, 29.

Roll of Honor: Frank McClary, Geo. F. M. Knowles, Johnny R. Sawyer, Lilla A. Durgin, Flossie B. Twombly and Blanche L. Sawyer.

P.

No. 12. Guinea Ridge.

Two terms, one of eight, and one of nine weeks, both taught by Miss Carrie M. Sargent.

This is one of the smallest schools in town, only three resident

scholars in the district; yet the teacher managed to infuse into the minds of these three little scholars a good amount of energy, enthusiasm and love for their studies, and the closing examination of both terms showed there had been much intelligent effort on the part of the teacher, and that her effort had been crowned with success. No. of visitors both terms, 12.

Roll of Honor, for both terms, Lena A. Moulton, Bertie J. Brackett and Lena A. Moulton.

P.

Rogers, Sanborn and Lamprey Schools.

These schools have been arranged much the same as last year, with a summer term at the Lamprey, and two fall terms, one at the Sanborn, and the other at the Rogers school houses, giving those who chose to attend, school advantages equal to those of any other school in town. There ought to be a new school house centrally located, of sufficient proportions to accommodate the scholars of this section, to take the place of three old ones. Then a good school of some thirty or more weeks during the year, might be held, with a good teacher, and scholars enough to make it sufficiently interesting for all concerned.

Lamprey.—No. 17.

The summer term of nine weeks was taught by Miss Myrtie E. Bickford.

This was her first experience as a teacher, nevertheless, she entered upon the work with an energy and determination that promised success. She seemed to be highly interested in her school and put forth her best endeavors to promote the advancement of her pupils. The small class in Physiology did remarkably well. No. of visitors, 16.

Roll of Honor: Mary A. Lamprey and Ethel D. Lamprey.
W.

No. 16.—Rogers.

A fall term of nine weeks was taught by Miss Susie A. Smith of Worcester, Mass., who has long since established her reputation as a successful teacher; her ways with young children are most taking, and she has the tact of always getting from her pupils their best work. Being of extensive observation and experience, she is able to impart much valuable information not found in text-books.

Although no preparation was made for the closing day, the school appeared well, and all her exercises manifested a thoroughness on the part of teacher and scholars. No. of visitors, 6.

Roll of Honor: Bertha B. Rogers and Leon E. Ellsworth.
W.

No. 10. Sanborn.

Fall term of nine weeks, taught by Miss Myrtie E. Bickford, with good success.

Miss Bickford has attractive ways with children, takes to teaching naturally, and is capable of managing a much larger school. The closing exercises were witnessed by quite a delegation of parents and friends. No. of visitors, 18.

Roll of Honor: Walter E. Paige and Bertha H. Ellis. W.

No. 18. Iron Works.

The summer term of nine weeks was taught by Mr. Frank C. Page, whose good success with this school the past year led your Board to believe it eminently proper to endeavor to secure his services for the ensuing year, and gave him the offer of both Summer and Winter terms, which resulted in his engagement for the Summer term.

Mr. Page entered upon his duties with the same earnestness and zeal that has characterized his efforts in the past, and with an interest in the welfare of his pupils that secured for himself their respect and esteem.

The school under his management was well disciplined and made good progress. Having the offer of a better situation, Mr. Page resigned his position at the close of the Summer term, and found employment at Troy, N. Y. No. of visitors, 17.

Roll of Honor: Florence A. Marsh, Walter P. Babb, Milton B. Babb, Mellen J. Brown, Roy C. Edgerly and Frank W. Parsons.

Second term of eight weeks under the instruction of Mrs. Etta M. Gilman.

This is the largest school in town, and the duties of a teacher in this school are many and varied, and at the same time trying and onerous; yet the teacher proved herself equal to the task. The same good judgment, the same conscientious effort for the advancement of all, and the same kind and considerate treatment of each different scholar under her charge, that has rendered her previous labors in this and adjoining towns so eminently successful, were especially noticeable.

It was apparent at my first visit that there existed between teacher and scholar, a feeling of perfect harmony, which, I am happy to state, was maintained to the close of the term.

There are some fine scholars in this school, better than are found in any school in town.

Here is also one of the best arranged school rooms in town, well supplied with black-boards and maps.

Here, too, the parents supplement the term of public or district school with a term of private school, which speaks well for the parents in this district. And here, too, the parents visit their

school and thereby say to their sons and daughters, "We feel a deep interest in your educational welfare."

The closing examination was very interesting. It was not merely a repetition of previously prepared questions and answers but an intelligent and lucid explanation of principles gone over, during the term.

Rhetorical exercises very appropriate and nicely rendered. No. of visitors, 16.

Roll of Honor: Fannie H. Chadwick, Florence A. Marsh, Lena R. Parsons, Florence M. Shannon, Ina F. Connell, Belle L. Smith, Hattie M. Smith, Mellen J. Brown, Milton B. Babb, Walter P. Babb, Arthur R. Bickford, Albert C. Edgerly, Roy C. Edgerly, Charles S. Haynes, Frank W. Parsons and Winfield S. Shannon. P.

General Remarks.

In closing this report we feel it our duty to again call the attention of the citizens of the district to the neglected condition of some of our school houses; to the urgent necessity of taking some action in the matter of repairs.

One house, if we may call it a house, should be removed, and a new one erected in its place. One other should be thoroughly repaired, and two need shingling the present year. Several would be not a little improved and rendered much more attractive in their outer appearance by a coat of lead and oil.

It is a "penny wise and pound foolish" course, to permit our school houses to remain, year after year, without making the necessary repairs, simply because we are not personally and directly interested in their preservation, or because we are not favorable to the present school law. We can proceed only to a certain point in this line of action, we can delay the repairing of our school buildings only until they arrive to a certain stage of neglect and decay, when the town authorities will interpose and furnish suitable and convenient school structures for the accommodation of our children.

Our district school houses were once an index of the prosperity, culture and refinement of the citizens of the district; districts formerly vied one with the other, in the beauty, finish and furnishing of their school buildings. Let us emulate the example of our ancestors, and not let it be said that Gilmanton neglects the interests of her common schools, or turns a deaf ear to the calls of her children.

We would also remind you of a glaring fault that now exists in our schools, and that can only be remedied by persistent and earnest effort on the part of parents; we refer to the practice of parents keeping their children at home, or allowing them to absent themselves from school one or more half days in each week during the term; parents are not aware of the amount of time lost to the scholars by tolerating this pernicious habit. Dur-

ing the school year just closed, there has been a loss, according to the teachers' registers for their several schools, to the whole number of scholars in town, of 4124 half-days; equal to 412 2-5 weeks; and this loss, for it is a loss, and an irreparable loss to our children, must be charged to the parents. Parents! consider this matter and apply the remedy.

Another evil that exists to a certain extent and that tends to retard the progress of our schools and greatly increase the labor of the teachers, and not unfrequently very much impair their influence and usefulness, is the habit of discussing, not only in the presence of our children but with them, the teacher's capabilities, qualifications, manner of discipline and other matters which should never be debated in their presence.

It will be evident to all, that a much better course, if there is anything wrong connected with the school, or any wrong touching individual scholars that needs attention, investigation or correction, is redress through the agency of the school board.

In conclusion, allow us to return our thanks for the uniform courtesy and cheerful cooperation we have received from parents, teachers and scholars while in the discharge of our duties, as guardians of the interests of our public schools; and may our management and superintendence of the schools in the future, be such as to merit your continued confidence and kind forbearance.

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| GEORGE W. PARSONS, | } School Board. |
| J. FREMONT WEEKS, | |
| OWEN J. EDGERLY. | |
| | } of |
| | } Gilmanton. |

Statistical Table.

No. 1.

| Number and name of school. | Term. | Name of Teacher. | Wages per Month. | Length of School in Weeks. | Whole No. of Scholars. | No. pupils attending to the following studies: | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|--------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--|----------|-----------|--------------|-------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------------|
| | | | | | | Average Attendance. | Reading. | Spelling. | Pennmanship. | Arithmetic. | Geography. | Grammar. | History. | Algebra. | Phys and Hygiene. |
| 1 { Kelley | Summer | Etta M. Gilman, | 20 | 6 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 16 | 15 | 9 | 4 | | | 5 |
| 15 { Parish. | Winter | Emma A. Clarke, | 26 | 6 | 24 | 22 | 22 | 21 | 16 | 21 | 9 | 4 | | 1 | 8 |
| | Fall | Etta M. Gilman, | 20 | 7 | 26 | 25 | 26 | 26 | 20 | 20 | 13 | | | 8 | |
| 2 { Potter. | Summer | Ardena M. Diamond | 20 | 8 | 16 | 14 | 16 | 16 | 13 | 15 | 8 | 5 | | 1 | 9 |
| | Winter | " " | 20 | 7 | 16 | 13 | 16 | 16 | 13 | 15 | 11 | | | | |
| 3 { Hall's Hill. | Summer | Charlotte J. Collins | 16 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 2 | | 1 | 1 |
| | Winter | Olive E. Sanborn, | 22 | 7 | 11 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 3 | | 1 | 1 |
| 4 { Pond and | Winter | Alice M. Ayer, | 18 | 9 | 12 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 7 | 11 | 8 | 4 | | 3 | 7 |
| 14 { Griffin. | Fall | " " | 18 | 10 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 7 | 14 | 9 | 4 | | 3 | 1 |
| 5 { Smith Meet- | Summer | Ella C. Hancock, | 20 | 8 | 15 | 14 | 15 | 15 | 12 | 13 | 3 | 3 | | | 3 |
| | Winter | Carrie M. Sargent. | 22 | 8 | 16 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 13 | 13 | 4 | 4 | | | 3 |
| 6 { Cogswell. | Summer | Hattie B. Cogswell. | 16 | 8 | 11 | 8 | 11 | 11 | 9 | 11 | 10 | 6 | | 7 | 4 |
| | Fall | Ardena M. Diamond | 18 | 8 | 19 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 13 | 16 | 13 | 9 | | | |
| 7 { Lougetown | Summer | Abbie L. Lougee, | 16 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 6 | 7 | | | | | |
| 11 { and Gale. | Fall | Lizzie M. Page. | 16 | 10 | 12 | | 12 | 12 | 10 | 10 | 5 | | | | 3 |
| 8 { Allen's Mills | Fall | Annie M. Weeks, | 16 | 10 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 1 | | | | |
| | Summer | Carrie M. Jones, | 20 | 7 | 26 | 19 | 24 | 24 | 20 | 14 | 8 | 8 | | | 2 |
| 13 { Jones' Mills. | Winter | Snsie A. Smith, | 20 | 7 | 18 | 17 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 17 | 10 | 6 | | | 1 |
| | Summer | Idella M. Drew, | 20 | 9 | 21 | 19 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 6 | 2 | | | 2 |
| 9 { Corner. | Fall | Cora B. Gale, | 28 | 8 | 22 | 21 | 22 | 22 | 14 | 20 | 11 | 2 | | | 12 |
| 10 { Sanborn | Fall | Myrtie E. Bickford | 16 | 9 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 2 | | | 3 |
| 16 { Rogers and | Fall | Susie A. Smith. | 20 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| 17 { Lamprey. | Summer | Myrtie E. Bickford | 16 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 2 | | | | |
| | Summer | Frank C. Page. | 28 | 9 | 39 | 36 | 39 | 37 | 13 | 34 | 12 | 13 | 12 | 3 | 13 |
| 18 { Iron Works. | Winter | Etta M. Gilman, | 40 | 8 | 39 | 36 | 37 | 33 | 10 | 38 | 19 | 13 | | 3 | 14 |
| | Summer | Carrie E. Sargent, | 16 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | | | | | 1 |
| 12 { Guinea. | Fall | " " | 16 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 1 | | | | 3 |

The following studies were also taught in the following named schools: Vocal music, Lamprey school, summer term, 6 pupils; Astronomy, Iron Works school, winter term, 1 pupil; Composition, Hall's Hill, winter term, 4 pupils, Rogers and Guinea, 1 pupil each.

TABLE NO. 2.

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| Whole number of scholars not less than five years of age who have attended school not less than two weeks, 1886, | 265 |
| Whole number of scholars not less than five years of age who have attended school not less than two weeks, 1887, | 228 |
| Whole number of different scholars registered, 1886, | 269 |
| Whole number of different scholars registered, 1887, | 231 |
| Whole number of weeks of school for year 1886, | 243 |
| Whole number of weeks of school for year 1887, | 222 |
| Whole number terms of school, 1886, | 27 |
| Whole number terms of school, 1887, | 27 |
| Average length of terms in weeks, 1886, | 9 |
| Average length of terms in weeks, 1887, | 8 2-9 |
| Average length of school in weeks made available to the different scholars by uniting districts, 1886, | 20 1-6 |
| Average length of school in weeks made available to the different scholars by uniting districts, 1887, | 17 1-3 |
| No. visits by school board, 1886, | 49 |
| No. visits by school board, 1887, | 53 |
| No. visits by citizens, 1886, | 403 |
| No. visits by citizens, 1887, | 399 |
| Amount of money raised by law, 1886, | \$1,001 00 |
| “ “ “ 1887, | 1,001 00 |
| Amount literary money 1886, | 178 12 |
| “ “ 1887, | 172 80 |
| Amount of dog tax, or other money raised by taxation or otherwise, and used for school purposes, 1886, | 104 00 |
| Amount of dog tax, or other money raised by taxation or otherwise and used for school purposes, 1887, | 46 63 |

TREASURER'S REPORT.

OWEN J. EDGERLY, Treasurer of School Board in account with school district in the town of Gilmanton:

| 1887. | | Dr. |
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| July 2. | To cash received of town treasurer, | \$300 00 |
| Aug. 25. | " " | 125 00 |
| Nov. 8. | " " | 400 00 |
| Dec. 3. | " " | 348 80 |
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| | | \$1,173 80 |

By paid orders issued by the school board as follows:

| 1887. | | | Cr. |
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| July 2. | By paid Carrie M. Jones, teaching 7 weeks Dist. 13, | | \$35 00 |
| " | " Ella C. Hancock, 8 " " 5, | | 39 00 |
| " | " Etta M. Gilman, 6 " " 1, | | 30 00 |
| " | " Myrtie M. Bickford, 9 " " 17, | | 33 75 |
| " | " Frank C. Page, 9 " " 18, | | 60 75 |
| " | " Ardena M. Diamond, 8 " " 6, | | 40 00 |
| " | " Hattie B. Cogswell, 8 " " 6, | | 32 00 |
| " | " Abbie L. Lougee, 10 " " 7, | | 40 00 |
| " | 9, Carrie M. Sargent, 9 " " 12, | | 36 00 |
| " | " Charlotte J. Collins, 8 " " 3, | | 32 00 |
| 12, | " Idella M. Drew, 9 " " 9, | | 45 00 |
| Nov. 10, | " Annie E. Weeks, 10 " " 8, | | 40 00 |
| " | " Etta M. Gilman, 7 " " 15, | | 35 00 |
| " | " Susie A. Smith, 9 " " 16, | | 45 00 |
| " | " Myrtie E. Bickford, 9 " " 10, | | 36 00 |
| " | " Alice M. Ayer, 10 " " 14, | | 45 00 |
| " | " Ardena M. Diamond, 8 " " 6, | | 36 00 |
| 11, | " Lizzie M. Page, 10 " " 11, | | 40 00 |
| 19, | " J. W. Marsh for two cords wood, | | 8 25 |
| " | " Owen J. Edgerly, deficit in 1887, | | 1 53 |
| " | " " wood furnished Gale school, | | 75 |
| 23, | " J. W. Cogswell, " Cogswell " | | 2 12 |
| 28, | " Carrie M. Sargent, teaching 8 weeks, No. 12, | | 32 00 |
| " | " Mrs. Orrin Dockham, cleaning house, No. 1, | | 1 50 |
| " | " J. Brown, rep. house No. 1, | | 80 |
| " | " Mrs. H. N. Stockbridge, cleaning house No. 5, | | 1 50 |
| " | " Geo. W. Parsons for crayons, pail, express on books, wood and lumber, rep. in No. 1, | | 3 70 |
| " | " Edwin N. Sanborn, " " 16, | | 2 00 |
| " | " Enos T. Gilman, 1 cord wood, " 5, | | 4 00 |
| " | " Ezekiel E. Merrill, " " 4, | | 3 75 |
| " | " Elijah C. Merrill, labor on school house and sawing wood in No. 1, | | 2 35 |

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| Dec. 10, | " | Geo. W. Merrill, 1 1-2 cord wood, No.1, | 5 25 |
| " | " | J. W. Merrill, wood, No.15. | 1 00 |
| 14, | " | A. R. Page, 1 1-2 cord wood, No.3, | 5 25 |
| 31, | " | A. M. Diamond, teaching 7 weeks, No.2, | 35 00 |
| 1888. | | | |
| Jan. 9, | " | M. S. Clough, 1 cord wood. No.2, | 4 00 |
| " | " | Owen J. Edgerly, art. furnished and repairs on houses in districts No. 18, 7, 6, 5, and blank book for school board, | 4 60 |
| " | " | Cora B. Gale, teaching 8 weeks, No.9, | 56 00 |
| " | " | Etta M. Gilman, " 18, | 80 00 |
| 25, | " | Mrs. S. S. Sargent, cleaning house, No.12, | 1 00 |
| Feb. 1, | " | Miss Emma A. Clarke, teaching 6 weeks, No.1, | 30 00 |
| 6, | " | Susie A. Smith, teaching 7 weeks, No.13, | 35 00 |
| " | " | Carrie M. Sargent. " 8 " 5, | 44 00 |
| " | " | Mr. J. A. Jones, wood and repairs on house in No. 13, and blackboard for No. 16, | 7 00 |
| " | " | Cyrus Varney, rep. house " 16, | 2 25 |
| " | " | Matthias Weeks, repairs on house, and wood in No. 8, | 3 80 |
| " | " | Edwin S. Nelson, 3-4 cord wood, No.12, | 3 00 |
| 8, | " | Olive E. Sanborn, teaching 7 weeks. No.3, | 38 50 |
| 9, | " | Chas. F. Merrill, 6 weeks board of Miss Emma A. Clarke, No. 1, | 9 00 |
| 10, | " | A. F. Rogers, wood, No.16, | 1 50 |
| " | " | J. A. Clough, rep. " 2, | 1 25 |
| 15, | " | H. T. Gilman, " " 15, | 50 |
| 23, | " | Alice M. Ayer, teach. 9 weeks, No.4, | 40 50 |
| " | " | Jesse F. Weeks, Mrs. Ellsworth, cleaning school house, No.9, | 1 35 |
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| | | | \$1,174 50 |

OWEN J. EDGERLY,

Treasurer of School Board.

We, the undersigned, have carefully examined the foregoing accounts, find them correctly cast and properly vouched, and a deficit of 70 cents.

A. A. JONES, }
 SYLVESTER GOODWIN. } Auditors.

February 23.

The following will show the amount received from the old school districts and the amount thus far expended :

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| 1887. | | Dr. |
| March 26, | To received from district No. 14, | 50 |
| June 14, | " " 12, | 45 62 |
| " | " " 3, | 18 42 |

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| Oct. 6, | " | " | 9, | 17 59 |
| Nov. 19, | " | " | 18, | 1 50 |
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| | | | | \$83 63 |

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| 1887. | | | | Cr. |
| July 8, | By paid dist. No. 12, for school purposes, | | | \$ 4 00 |
| Nov. 28, | " | " | " | 8 00 |
| 1888. | | | | |
| Jan. 9, | " | 9 | " | 14 00 |
| Feb. 8, | " | 3 | " | 11 00 |
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| | | | | 37 00 |
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| | | | | \$46 63 |

GEORGE W. PARSONS, } School Board
 J. FREMONT WEEKS, } of
 OWEN J. EDGERLY. } Gilmanton.



